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There are the facts, and no one knows

better than Mr. Crisp.

The case was reported to the House

Never until the committee made its report

and the House was asked to vote upon this

question was Mr. Thoburn allowed to see

these affidavits replying to his application.

A greater outrage was never committed

in the history of the House.

A memorial signed by over 4,000 voters

of the sixth congressional district of Kentucky

was presented to the House. Mr. Lyman

in an able and exhaustive speech, pre-

sented the equities of the case to the House.

Mr. Cooper, of Ohio, and Mr. Rowell, of

Illinois, two Republicans, presented tech-

nical arguments to show that Mr. Carlisle

was entitled to the seat. No one denies

that Mr. Carlisle is technically entitled to

the seat. He holds the certificate, and the

competence or dishonesty of Thoburn's at-

torney, Preston, the taking of the testi-

mony by him in the time prescribed by

law, but Mr. Cooper and Mr. Rowell

will find it as hard work to convince their

Republican constituents that this technical

title should override justice as they found

it impossible to convince the Republican

congressmen upon the floor of the House.

The question is one which rises above

legal quibbles and technicalities. It is

whether the voice of the ballot shall rule,

and whether the voice of the people in a

respectful memorial to Congress shall be

disregarded.

On these questions the Republicans voted

solidly, with the exception of Messrs. Cooper

and Rowell, in favor of "an honest

ballot and a fair count" and the right of

the people to be heard. The Democrats,

with few exceptions, voted against these

propositions.

The Democrats failed to force through

their proposed outrage. Now the party

lash descends and all Democrats are or-

dered to walk up to the feed trough and

save the great, the honorable, the con-

siderable Speaker from being impeached.

The speaker's position is technical—this

ambitious war poster—a wood-carver

whom the people of the sixth congressional

district of Kentucky selected to represent

them.

The Democrats from the seats will, of

course, obey the order—many of them have

been so used in the past. But there are

several who are not. But there are a

million wage earners in the north and they

will without any doubt inquire into the

conduct of any Democratic representative

who refuses to one of their number—the

first real Republican who came to the

House and who has been a faithful and

supporter of his family by the labor of his

hands as a skilled mechanic.

Mr. Carlisle knew when he filed his cer-

tificate of election that this contest would

not down—the cry of the workmen of

the sixth congressional district of Ken-

tucky would come to Congress demanding

in thunder tones an investigation. If he

had been a chivalrous, honorable gentle-

man—a reputation for which he had for

many years prior to the last Congress en-

joyed, he would have stood upon the floor

of the House and demanded an investiga-

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vindicated; and if all opportunity to as-

sert himself was denied, they will not

be satisfied. Every step taken has been

in accordance with law and party usage,

and the title and organization of the Central

Republican Committee is good, and cannot

be shaken by carpers and malignant dis-

organizers. Respectfully,

P. H. CARSON.

CARLISLE-THOBURN.

Opinion of the Press on the Contest

for the Speaker's Seat.

New York Press.

John Griffin Clark, the speaker of the

House of Representatives. He has great

influence and power, and hence is sur-

rounded by many sycophants and toadies.

Thoburn, who is contesting his seat, is a poor

mechanic, with no influence except that

which a life of integrity, industry, and a

fair degree of ability entitle him to in this

republic.

As Thoburn himself has said, "It has been

an uphill business contesting this seat, with

a slim chance of getting a hearing." Every

obstacle has been put in the way. The re-

sult is a contest of 4,000 voters from the district

shows that Mr. Carlisle and his friends are

better than Thoburn. The contest is a

show that they fear their corrupt methods

will be exposed.

And yet Mr. Carlisle puts himself for-

ward as a man of honor and a man above

suspicion. If this is the case why should

his party refuse, on almost a party vote,

to give him a hearing? The answer is, of

course, that the party will not sustain

a man who is so openly corrupt. The party

wishes to see that justice and fair play

which has been so long denied.

In view of this refusal on the part of the

Democratic majority to make a full and

fair investigation, the Republican party

is justified in its action. It is a

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